

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8649

By Senators Spanel, Haugen and Fraser

WHEREAS, Imogene Bowen was born to Oscar Washington and Gertrude Martin Washington on April 9, 1935, in Sauk, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Imogene's great-grandfather was a well-known Upper Skagit Tribal religious leader and her grandfather served as a Bishop of the Northwest Indian Shaker Church; and

WHEREAS, Imogene graduated from Chemawa Indian Boarding School in 1953 as her class valedictorian; Antioch School of Law in 1978 with her paralegal degree; Skagit Valley College with an associate of arts degree; and Western Washington University with honors in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in political science; and

WHEREAS, Public service became the heart of Imogene's work as shown in her positions as prosecutor for Skagit Systems Cooperative; member of the Upper Skagit Tribal Council; founding member of the Board of the Cascade Inter-Tribal Housing Authority; elected delegate to the Democratic National Convention; Chair of the Skagit Valley Democratic Party; delegate to the International Peace Education Conference; president of the Washington State Rainbow Coalition; member of the Board of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition; member of the Governor's "Citizen Cabinet" from 1992 to 1996; and member of the Board of Skagit County Youthnet; and

WHEREAS, Imogene was an avid advocate for peace, racial understanding, workers' rights, and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, Imogene received the award as a member of the Skagit Valley College Hall of Fame for Distinguished Alumni in recognition of her achievements; and

WHEREAS, On January 5, 2007, Imogene Bowen passed away in her Mount Vernon home at age 71 surrounded by her children, grandchildren, and many friends; and

WHEREAS, Tribute is due to Imogene Bowen for her caring spirit, outstanding public service, and her tireless effort on behalf of those without a political voice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor Imogene Bowen for her contributions to all Washingtonians and the state itself; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Washington State Senate, members of the Bowen family, and the Upper Skagit Tribal Council.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8649,  
adopted by the Senate  
April 9, 2007

THOMAS HOEMANN  
Secretary of the Senate